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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & PSYCHOLOGY
PSYCHOLOGY PATHWAYS
SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019
SOCIAL AND CRITICAL PSYCHOLOGY
MODULE NO: PSC6003

Date: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

Time: 2.00 – 5.00 (3 hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Candidates are advised that the examiners attach importance to legibility of writing and clarity of expression. **YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO PLAN YOUR ANSWERS.**

There are EIGHT questions on this paper.

Answer THREE questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Start each answer in a fresh answer book

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Please answer any THREE of the following questions.

1. With reference to recent debates, critically evaluate the suggestion that the self is a multi-dimensional concept.
2. Examine at least two theories of gender identity and critically evaluate the extent to which they have enhanced our understanding of this area.
3. Evaluate the psychological research that investigates how the presence of others can both facilitate and hinder group performance.
4. Using examples from social psychological studies, critically evaluate how group decisions may differ from those made by individuals
5. Describe at least two leadership styles and critically evaluate how they might encourage group commitment.
6. With reference to relevant psychological literature, critically evaluate the role that social identity theory plays in shaping our understanding of crowd behaviour.
7. Critically evaluate how social psychologists have theorised on the formation and maintenance of prejudicial attitudes.
8. Critically evaluate the extent to which social psychologists have enhanced our understanding of language as a social process.

END OF QUESTIONS